

**A MEETING OF THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008 AT 8:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Ron Carroll, Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Elizabeth Coyle.

**OTHERS:** Brian Dixon and Rob Sartell, EMC, Kelly Welsh and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mr. Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Utz moved to approve the May 8<sup>th</sup> minutes with changes, Mr. Carroll Second, all voted in favor.**

Mr. **Carroll** asked Mr. Christmas if we have received a signed agreement from the Golf Course yet.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that they have a verbal agreement but he hasn't received anything written yet.

**BIDS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:**

**COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mr. Buchanan** stated that they had a situation where someone released the contact number for the EPA this week for a developer to call them directly and he thinks that is a bad policy to get into and he would like to ask that in the future the in-house people contact the EPA regarding credits rather than having a developer contact them in person.

**SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:**

**Kelly Welsh** stated that the first is for Bellewood Pool in the amount of \$723.29. She informed them that last year the Sewer Board had recommended that they put in a meter and Chris Conrad from EMC would go out and read the meter at the beginning of the year and then go out at the end of the year and it was tied directly to the pool. She explained that instead of going through the cost of having the water company install it, it saved them money to do it and EMC agreed to read the meter.

**Mr. Utz moved to approve, Mr. Carroll second, all voted in favor.**

**Mrs. Welsh** stated that the next is for the Dairy Queen on Kamer Miller that had a leak at an outside Hydrant connection and they are asking for an adjustment in the amount of \$5,304.73.

**Mr. Utz moved to approve, Ms. Coyle second, all voted in favor.**

**Mrs. Welsh** presented a letter that was sent to Mr. Carroll from a Mr. Vipul Brahmabhatt who would like to install a separate meter for his irrigation system and he would for the amount to be deducted from the sewer bill at the end of the season. She stated that she didn't know if this was a situation that they wanted to get involved in because it will not be manned by the water company and EMC will have to check the meter.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he thought that the City had a separate policy set up for a second meter for irrigation systems for the summer.

**Mr. Utz** stated that this gentleman is asking for a private meter to get away from the cost of a meter from IN-AWC.

**Roger Maynard**, IN-AWC, stated that it sounds as if he is installing a deduct meter. He stated that they do install those meters and it costs about \$1,000 which is based on their cost to do the work.

**Mr. Utz** stated that this would be an expense to them and they could justify the decision by saying that the monthly fee that they would charge for doing this would soon eat up the difference and so they are better off going with the water company.

**Mr. Carroll** stated that he and Ms. Welsh's crew have been analyzing whether or not they should bring billing back in house and they want to recommend that they do this and they will notify the water company and it will go into affect that the beginning of the year. He stated that they don't anticipate they will make great money off of this but they will at least break even and have a little more control over things.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Item #1 - Matthew Toole re: Jefferson Gardens approval for 4 tap- ins**

**Mr. Toole** stated that he is here to revisit the Jefferson Gardens issue that he previously discussed with the board and presented a plat for them to review. He explained that it will be about two months before they get to the point of needing this because they do have some existing lots outside of the corridor that he needs to sell first before they can even get to this.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that this feeds into basin 35 Phase II which feeds into Phase I and this is a very minor project and will not cause a problem.

**Mr. Buchanan** stated that he doesn't think that this needs to be approved

##### **Item #2 - Value Place Hotel**

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he has been in contact with the owner of this hotel and she said that there was a miscommunication and she just needed to know who they needed to go to for credits.

**Jason Copperwaite** from Paul Primavera, stated that they are ready for credits. He stated that this Hotel was not included in the initial request for credits for this development and will hook to basin 25 and he needs to request 12,400 credits for this hotel. He hopes that since this project is below the 15,500 credits he will not have to get a new capacity certification.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the credit options that was transferred from Stonecrest to this project.**

**Mr. Utz** stated that he is still very concerned because of the SSO report and the over flows in basin 14 and this is before they put any of the other big projects on here.

**Mr. Buchanan** stated that he would suggest Clark Dietz reviewing this and reporting back to the board next week.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that he could tell them now that they are requesting less than what Stonecrest has available and based on previous capacity certification there is enough for this to go in there.

**Mr. Utz** stated that he is just saying that in reality with what is going on right now he has some concerns.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that they haven't got any dates set but they are trying to schedule meetings with Clark Dietz and Mrs. Coyle to talk about the over-flow occurrences since the first of the year and the reports that have been sent to the EPA. He stated that part of the discussion will be regarding Basin 14.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that their recommendation at this time would be to have the meeting to discuss the SSO Report before they move forward.

### **Item #3 - Gary McCartin re: tap fees**

**Mr. McCartin** addressed the board regarding two issues and stated that the first is a bond that he had to put on Mathew Center and he has a letter showing that the lines are working properly and he needs a letter to release those bonds.

**Mr. Buchanan** stated that if he would get the information to him regarding the bonding company he will write a release letter.

**Mr. McCartin** stated that in the past he paid for tap fees in 2004 for 9 units at Pickwick Drive as well as the building permits for all 9 units. He explained that they poured footers and installed the taps and laterals and he didn't know if he needed to pay a new fee in for the four remaining units because he was told by the sewer office that his permit had expired and he wasn't aware that there was a time limit on them.

**Mrs. Coyle** asked if the ordinance said that it had to be in service within the one year time frame.

**Mr. Dixon** asked if he had all 9 taps installed and extended to where he thought the buildings were going to be.

**Mr. McCartin** said yes.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that they way he would look at it is that he paid for a tap and installed the tap, and he is assuming it was inspected at that time that they are done from the sewer standpoint but he needs to get the building permits. Mr. Dixon stated that in the ordinance it states that if a lot is vacated for more than a year they have to provide a new tap but this is a new tap.

**Mrs. Coyle** stated that with them just sitting there for 4 years she isn't sure that they would still pass inspection. She stated that maybe if he could have them re-inspected to make sure the sewers are going to work.

**Mr. Utz** asked if they were capped so that nothing could get in them.

**Mr. McCartin** stated that they were.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he would suggest to appease the board that he hire a plumber that has a lateral camera to show that there is no defect or nothing in the line.

**Mr. Carroll** stated that once that is done he could give it to Ms. Welsh and they could take care of it at the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Item #1 - Clark Dietz re: Project Update**

**Mr. Christmas** addressed the board regarding the Basin 18 project he is still waiting on the agreement from the Country Club. He stated that they have also had a few shifts in the line due to the wishes of some of the individuals and because of a water line and it has changed the amounts slightly and he needs a change order for those changes. He stated that he has also worked up a quote for the full restoration of the road.

**Ms. Coyle** stated that because the roads are so bad in New Albany she feels that they need to do the whole road and expressed her disliking for doing patch work.

**Mrs. Coyle made a motion to pave the entire width of the road based on this price being firm, Mr. Carroll second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Carroll** stated that in the future they want full road surfacing they do not want anymore patches.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that the last item is the Grantline Road proposal. He stated that he presented it at the last meeting and hopefully Ms. Coyle received a copy. He explained that they need to get moving on this and if the board has any questions he would be more than happy to answer them.

**Mr. Utz moved to approve the agreement for \$42,950.00, Mr. Carroll second, all voted in favor.**

### **Item #2 - Donohue re: Project Update**

**Paul Elling** stated that the plant water strainer contract has come through and he needs a motion to approve the one with Aqua Utilities.

**Mr. Utz made a motion to approve the contract with Aqua Utilities Services for \$44,200.00, Ms. Coyle second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Elling** stated that he needs to know who they wanted to name as the official contact person for the contractor.

**Mr. Carroll** stated that would be Elizabeth Coyle.

**Mrs. Coyle** stated that she would ask that EMC be copied on everything as well.

**Mr. Elling** stated that the next thing he has is the Notice to Proceed. He stated that they have 30 days from the date of the contract to approve this, but he sees no reason to hold off. He stated that there are two preconditions that he has established before actual site work can commence and that is the pre-construction meeting and that they coordinate their schedule and work activities with EMC so that it doesn't interfere with plant operations.

**Mr. Utz moved to approve the Notice to Proceed, Ms. Coyle second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Elling** stated that at the last meeting they discussed that EMC and Donahue would oversee the construction and it was anticipated that there would be sufficient funds in their on-call agreement. However, because of SSO problems that they have recently had they do not believe that there will be sufficient funds remaining so he has drafted another engineering agreement that he will give the board for review which provides them with some additional funds to get them through along with some additional work they see coming in the future.

**Mr. Utz** stated that they also need to discuss the flow meters.

**Mr. Elling** stated that was another issue that he has wanted to discuss with them for a while. He stated that there are issues with the telemetry equipment.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the issues with the telemetry equipment.**

**It was decided by the board to go ahead and have a work session in the morning at the sewer plant.**

**EMC REPORT:**

**Mr. Dixon** stated that yesterday he was called out to Pillsbury to review drains that they have that sometimes are used to drain ground water to the sewer system. He informed them that the EPA wants to have the ground water removed from the sewer system and they are going to work on that and come back to them and let them know what they are doing for this issue. He stated that the board has the EMC monthly reports and the tv-ing logs that will be sent to EPA.

**Ms. Coyle** stated that she needs a list of all the road cuts that will be done or anticipated so that she can coordinate signs with the Street Department to let the neighborhoods know that it will be under construction.

**Tim Crawford** asked Mr. Buchanan if he needs a copy of the binder that they will be sending to EPA regarding the recent over-flows.

**Mr. Buchanan** stated that Hans has already forwarded that to EPA.

**Mr. Utz** asked if they had found anything about Basin 16.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he hasn't gone through the projects but there are a considerable number on the list based on televising.

**Mr. Buchanan** stated that the report on the overflows was basically justified among the basins to the weather and ground conditions but they still need to take a look at them and see what work needs to be done.

**Mrs. Coyle** stated that now that they have the information they can at least respond to IDEM about the conditions and what the fixes are to correct the issues.

**Mr. Utz** asked if any of this involved the new line that they put in Basin 16

**Mr. Dixon** said that it did not. He explained that structurally and performance wise the new line is working according to plan but they have other areas that feed into that line that may need work.

**CLAIMS:**

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he wanted to apologize that he did not get the claims to them sooner and explained that they could table these to have time to look over them because they will have another meeting before they are paid

**Mr. Carroll** stated that he would like to table these to have time to review the claims.

**Mr. Utz** asked about a situation that Mrs. Haley needs approval from the board for tap fees for the Floyd County Youth Center.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that it is regarding the building across from Wal-Mart , and explained that they are planning to tear the existing building down and building three new building as well as install their own sanitary sewer that will run down to the existing main. He stated that they will be charged tap fees for the three new buildings and she wanted to make sure that the board was aware of this tap fee and that they agree with it.

**Mr. Utz moved to approve the recalculation of the tap fees for the Floyd County Youth Center, Mr. Carroll second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Copperwaite** gave an up-date on Stonecrest. He stated that at the Plan Commission meeting they asked that they be able to increase their flow because of the increase in the number of apartments being built. He stated that the flow is now going to be 86,400 gallons and previously it was 68,000 and he wanted to make sure the board was aware of this. He explained that he had a conversation with IDEM about marrying the two projects together and he was told they will have to provide them with a waiver and a variance letter that states that any other new development will be as with any other new development.

**Mr. Buchanan** stated that Stone Crest has already been approved.

**Mr. Utz** stated that now they are increasing.

**Mr. Copperwaite** stated that it was approved for Basin 25 and now they are going to 35 and it is increasing but the re-work that Clark Dietz is doing for that interceptor is supposed to be designed for that whole basin 16 but in order to submit their permit together with the City's permit those other steps have to be done. He discussed tap repayment fees with the board and went over the repayment schedule for Icon Properties and stated that they will be ahead of schedule.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ron Carroll, Chairman

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Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk